

Agenda
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 30, 2007

1:30 – 2:55 pm

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Access Code: 70873 (everyone else)

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| I. Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes, March 23, 2007 | Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger |
| II. Status of Work Comp Bills (see attached Bill Status) <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Bills transmitted to or signed by Governor: HB 65, HB 72, SB 97, SB 108o Bills acted on by Advisory Council: HB 72, HB 785, HB 786, SB 214, SB 444o Bills not acted on by Advisory Council: HB 738, SB 426 | Jerry Keck, Administrator
Employment Relations Division |
| III. Agenda Items for Advisory Council Meeting in May <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Summary of insurer financial resultso Summary of legislative actiono Safety/incident rate modelingo Exemptions and cost shiftingo Regulation/oversight of claims examiners | Jerry Keck |
| IV. Public Comment
(If as a member of the public, you logged into the call using access code 70873, please press 6 on your keypad if you wish to comment.) | |
| V. Next Steps | Jerry Keck |

Note:

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- About those access codes: In an effort to minimize background noise during call, we request that public participants use the 70873 access code, which allows you to listen but mutes your phone. However, during the public comment period, you are welcome to participate by simply pressing the 6 on your phone keypad to unmute your phone.

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2007 Workers' Compensation Legislation
Active Bill Status
March 29, 2007

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to Senate	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in Senate	Status
HB 65	Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/6	Signed by Governor
HB 72	Revise professional employer organization law	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/7	Signed by Governor
HB 738	Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates	2/27		3/27	Passed 2 nd reading 49-0; 3 rd reading on 3/29
HB 785	Exempting certain athletes from workers' compensation	2/26		3/23	Waiting executive action
HB 786	Exempt from work comp law certain motor carriers	2/27		3/27	Passed 2 nd reading 48-1, 3 rd reading on 3/29

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to House	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in House	Status
SB 97	Clarify handling of highway patrol work comp claims	1/16	1/19 Approved		Signed by Governor
SB 108	Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc	2/07	2/9 Approved	3/16	Transmitted to Governor
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	1/31	2/2 Approved	3/21	Passed 3 rd reading 94-5, returned to Senate with amendments
SB 426	Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases	2/27		3/21	Executive action pending; nontabled
SB 444	Revise APRN treating of injured workers	2/19	2/23 Discussed, no action; 3/9 Approved	3/30	

Agency-requested bills in bold type